

Docket No.: 15685P081

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

JOHN T. ORCHARD, ET AL.

Application No.: 09/823,221

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: **A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
CONTROLLING A COMPUTING SYSTEM**

Art Group: 2863

Examiner: Tung S. Lau

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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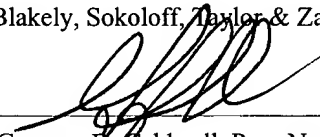
In accordance with 37 C.F. R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 17, 2004, from the Advisory Action dated January 16, 2004. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and a Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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